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SUBJECT: PLANS OF PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN

1. IN COURSE 19 MARCH COURTESY CALL ON AMBASSADOR ISPAHANI, WHO HAS BEEN HERE SINCE ABOUT 15 MARCH, I FOUND HIM ILL, DISPIRITED, QUERULOUS AND DISINCLINED TO RETURN TO POST IN KABUL FOR MUCH MORE THAN A BRIEF WRAP-UP OF AFFAIRS. ILLNESS IS WIDELY FLUCTUATING BLOOD PRESSURE. IN ADDITION HE COMPLAINED OF IRRITATION AND DEPRESSION OVER STATE OF PAKISTANI/AFGHAN RELATIONS AND EXPRESSED DEEP RESENTMENT OF GOA'S ALLEGED POLICY OF OSTRACIZING HIM SOCIALLY AND SUBJECTING HIM TO SURVEILLANCE. WHILE HE SAID HE WOULD BE WILLING TO FULFILL VERBAL 15 MONTH COMMITMENT MADE TO PRIME MINISTER (WHICH WOULD TAKE HIM UP TO AUGUST THIS YEAR) HE SAID HE HAD ASKED MFA TO SEEK REPLACEMENT ASAP.

2. MEANWHILE ISPAHANI PLANS EARLY TRIP ABROAD TO GET AWAY FROM CONCERNS IN KARACHI WHICH ALSO ARE WEARING HIM DOWN (CONTROVERSY OVER CERTAIN ASPECTS OF HIS TRUSTEESHIP OF JINNAH'S WILL; DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS OF ELDEST SON; FAMILY BUSINESS PROBLEMS, ETC.). HE PLANS ROUND-THE-WORLD TRIP OF SEVERAL WEEKS DURATION, DURING WHICH WILL PROBABLY TRY TO ARRANGE MEDICAL CHECKUP AT MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL.
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